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A decade passes...

Ten years ago — at 11 minutes before eight on Monday evening June 3, 1963 — death ended the short four and a half year reign of Pope John XXIII.

When Cardinal Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected Pope on Oct. 28, 1958, at the age of 77, some expected he would be merely an "interim" Pope, keeping the "Barque of Peter" on a steady, even course.

But the self-effacing son of Italian peasants, acting under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, inaugurated major changes in the Church.

Catholics acknowledge his greatest achievement was the Second Vatican Council, with all its ramifications. Some of the more obvious changes that sprang, in part, from the council, include revision of Canon Law and the use of national languages in the liturgy.

Pope John caught the imagination of the world April 11, 1963, with **Pacem in Terris** (Peace on Earth), his encyclical addressed not only to Catholics but "to all men of goodwill."

Cardinal Roncalli had accepted his election as Pope with the words, "I bow my head to the chalice of bitterness and the yoke of the Cross."

They die forgiving their killers

Martyrdom faced by priests in Burundi

GLASGOW, Scotland (NC— Scottish missionaries have reported that Catholic priests and laity killed in intertribal conflicts in the central African nation of Burundi went to their deaths singing psalms and forgiving their killers.

Thousands of persons are reported to have died in warfare between the Hutu and Tutsi tribes. Some missionaries left the country but have now returned because the situation appears under control.

A missionary writing in the Xaverian Fathers' Scottish newsletter said he had wondered what good had come out of 75 years of missionary work if even Christians could abandon themselves to such hatred.

BUT THEN, he said, he recalled that even worse atrocities have been committed in Europe after 2,000 years of Christianity. "We humbly search for the sign of a future resurrection," he wrote. "And the signs are not lacking. They are the testimonies of martyrs of Christian love and forgiveness."

The missionary said Father Michele Koyoya, a Catholic member of the Hutu tribe, went to his death singing and forgiving, and some soldiers in the Tutsi firing squad were crying.

Two other Hutu priests before being killed encouraged their fellow tribesmen condemned to die with them to accept their fate without hatred. They administered the sacraments, intoned a psalm of forgiveness and died singing.

ONE LAYMAN, father of a catechist, was shot by colleagues for refusing to join in the slaughter of rival tribesmen, the missionary said, and another was killed for saving the life of a catechist from a rival tribe. A third, who had seen his wife and five children murdered, was imprisoned, tortured himself and freed through intervention of a Xaverian missioner.

Missionaries and Catholic layman saved many innocent people from attacks by both tribes, according to the Xaverian newsletter.

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Around the diocese

Bishop Leo T. Maher

Friday, June 1, 7 p.m., San Diego, Golden Hall, Community Concourse, University of San Diego Graduation.

Saturday, June 2, noon, San Diego, Civic Theater, USD School of Law graduation.

Sunday, June 3, 3 p.m. San Diego, Academy of Our Lady of Peace graduation.

Monday, June 4, 8 p.m. San Diego, Civic Theater, St. Augustine High School Graduation.

Tuesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., San Diego, Scottish Rite Memorial Temple, Rosary High School graduation.

Thursday, June 7, 8 p.m., San Bernardino Valley Greek Theater, Aquinas High School graduation.

Friday, June 8, 5 p.m., San Diego, Apostolic Center, conferral of ministries for permanent deacon candidates.

Saturday, June 9, 5 p.m., Solana Beach, St. James church, dedication of education center.

Sunday, June 10, 10 a.m., San Diego, St. Joseph Cathedral, Mass, Confirmation, Visitation.

Sunday, June 10, 2 p.m., San Diego, Al Bahr Temple, University of San Diego High School graduation.

Father Roger A. Lechner
Vice chancellor-secretary

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Holy Family parish bazaar June 1-3, with teen dance June 1, at 8 p.m. All welcome, Ulric and Tait streets, San Diego, 278-5276.

School Sisters of Notre Dame mark 25 years at St. Jude's School with Mass of Thanksgiving noon Sunday, June 3, followed by turkey dinner in parish hall to benefit school. Public invited, 3751 Boston Ave., San Diego.

St. Jude's Academy 25th anniversary turkey dinner noon-6 p.m. Sunday, June 3, parish hall, 3751 Boston Ave., San Diego.

San Bernardino Deanery, DCCW, 10 a.m. Thursday, June 7, Holy Rosary Church, 2525 Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino. Luncheon reservations: 875-9726.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside, annual barbecue-bazaar Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10, 13208 Lakeshore Dr. Public invited.

Hope, mission hospital ship on Amazon River, Brazil, to be christened 3 p.m. Sunday, June 3, Broadway Pier, Harbor Drive, San Diego.

St. Mary's Star of the Sea Altar Society, Oceanside, 40th anniversary Mass noon Sunday, June 3, reception 1-3 p.m., parish hall.

Holy Spirit parish, Italian Catholic Federation, pageant-ball 8 p.m. Saturday, June 2, parish hall, San Diego. Donation: $2.50. Details: 222-7812.

Holy Trinity parish, methods training for all CCD teachers 7-10 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, June 4-21, 509 Ballard St., El Cajon. Details: 449-9523.

St. Charles parish bazaar-barbecue 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3, 990 19th St. Imperial Beach. Public invited. Phone 423-0242.

Court Immaculata, Catholic Daughters of America, installs officers 8 p.m. Thursday, June 7, AAUW Hall, 6545 Alcala Knolls Dr., San Diego.

La Jolla Deanery scholarship winners Susan Geisler, Susie de Chezet and Maria Coffman, Sacred Heart Academy, Ocean Beach; Craig Britt, St. James Academy, Solana Beach, and Sandra Pereira and Deborah Silveira, St. Charles Academy, San Diego.

Blessed Sacrament annual parish picnic 10 a.m. Sunday, June 3, Colina del Sol Park, San Diego. Information: 582-5722.

Diocesan Senate of Priests meets Thursday, June 7. St. Charles Priory, Benet Hill, Oceanside.

University of San Diego freshman Jeffrey Holmes wins first place in organ competition sponsored by San Diego Chapter, American Guild of Organists.

Pomona Valley-West End Right to Life League open meeting free 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 4, Montclair Library, Civic Center. Discussion on "Some Consequences of Induced Abortion to Children Born Subsequently" report by Margaret and Arthur Wynn of London, and anti-abortion film. Details: 982-3434.

Synod II

Training for speak-up sessions taking place throughout the diocese. Information: Sister Gail, 291-7614, San Diego area; Sister Marie Laux, 882-1776, San Bernardino area.

Training for speak-up sessions in Spanish 7 p.m. Saturday, June 2, Immaculate Heart of Mary church, Ramona. In Vista, contact Father Luis Bernal, 235-6291.

Special training for parish recording secretaries 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 3, USD De Sales auditorium.

Meeting for black community participation 2 p.m. June 24, Christ the King church, San Diego. Details: Mrs. Peterson, 277-1302.

Various materials from synod office, Alcala Park, San Diego, 298-7711, ext. 44. Or Box 80428, San Diego, 92138.

Cassettes on 14 synod commissions based on Vatican II documents available from Father Bernal.

SYNOD COMMISSIONS — Not too late to volunteer.

HOUSE OF BREAD — Sisters Karen Marie Brown (left) and Mary Clare McQuade bake bread at their contemplative country residence, the House of Bread, in Brownsville, Texas, diocese. The Servants of Mary rarely leave their home where they spend many hours praying for those in need, but welcome visitors looking for a place to pray. They support themselves by baking altar breads and making greeting cards and gift boxes. — NC photo

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Mission San Luis Rey Marriage Encounter June 8-10. Details: 277-1502.

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Challenges in Christian Development

Yummy ice cream

Remember indulgences? At one time they were spelled out — and doled out — in "days, quarantines (I never did understand that) and plenary."

The days and quarantines got suppressed and the plenary are available once a day, because when "everything" is remitted there's nothing to remit. Probably one reason for such changes was to preclude a "savings account" or "commodity" idea of God's forbearance.

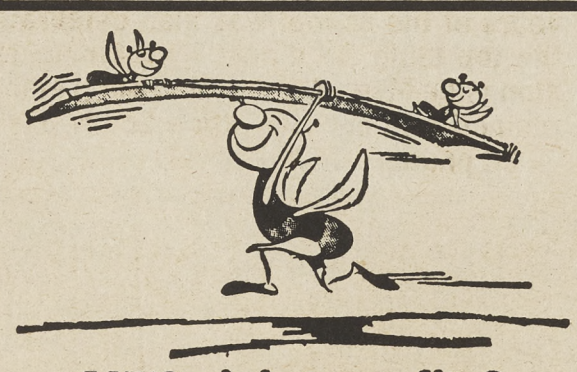
The same misconception is still extant among many people about something as important and central to our faith as grace. Grace is surely a "treasure" and the word even means "gift." But much of its true character is lost if we think of it as even a spiritual financial resource to be saved to purchase a ticket of admission through the "pearly gates" or some sweet yummy ice cream reward for being good.

Modern theologians and religious educators attempt to describe grace in more personal terms of a loving relationship with God — certainly a new idea in official Church teaching.

Prayerful conversations and sacramental encounters with him "increase" that grace — or relationship — as love can and does increase: in intensity or quality, not quantity. His love is a favor to be cherished and cultivated, rather than stored or consumed with selfish hunger.

You can get at least 31 flavors of yummy ice cream, but only one relationship with God which can be improved or spoiled.

Father William Gold



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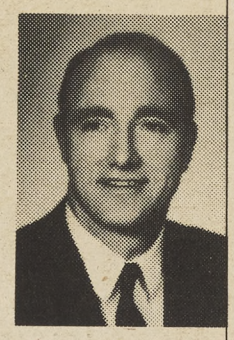

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TRIPLE JUBILEE — Pastor, parish and school at St. Theresa's, Palm Springs, "concelebrated" their silver jubilees during the Memorial Day weekend. The Mass, Saturday, in the beautiful five-year-old church, saw Msgr. Michael Nolan, 25 years a priest, joined by Bishop Leo T. Maher and associates for the concelebration, (above). After Mass, pastor and bishop greet the parishioners while man behind the pastor gesticulates. (Below) Sisters of the Immaculate Heart community, whose 25 years at the school was also celebrated, were represented at the top table for dinner by their leader Sister Anita Gaspary, alongside Msgr. Nolan and Bishop Maher, all listening to parish council member Mrs. Alice Scully paying tribute to the pastor. — SC photos

Six future deacons advance to candidacy

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THE FIRST official liturgical step towards ordination as permanent married deacons will be taken by six men of the diocese next week.

In the chapel of the Apostolic Center, Alcala Park, these laymen, who have been training to be deacons, will be "admitted to candidacy for ordination."

This rite, set for Friday, June 8, replaces the former ordination to Minor Orders and tonsure. It will be the largest group yet to move to this level in the permanent diaconate program of the diocese.

THEY WILL also be installed as lectors and, later in the year, as acolytes.

The men reflect the wide range of professions and occupations in candidates for the permanent diaconate.

They are: Frank Allen, 47, insurance agent, Allied Gardens; Robert Ekhaml, 33, forensic analyst, San Diego (formerly received Minor Orders, will be installed lector); David Fitzgerald, 50, auto parts dealer, San Bernardino; Michael Newman, 53, editor of **Southern Cross**, San Diego; Louis Principe, 42, pharmacist, Lakeside; and Joseph Remley, 37, civil engineer, Rialto.

PERMANENT deacon training normally takes at least three years of academic study, seminars, retreats and workshops and most of these laymen have completed two years or more. If they successfully complete the third year some will be ordained next year.

The men and their wives — most of whom share the training sessions with them — are part of a program which currently includes 17 candidates. The diocese already has three permanent deacons.

Children will be plentiful at the ceremonies, June 8, as two of the families alone have 23 children. There are 13 Principe children and 10 Allens.

THE ORDER of the permanent deacon was re-established by the Church in recent years for married men. It is a ministry of service in various forms. And in its sacramental form deacons may witness marriages, preach, baptize and conduct funeral services.

Mass in sign language

God's word—for children who can't hear it

Southern Cross Reporter

THEY CAN never "hear" Mass — but they could see "see" it. For this was a special day for the deaf and hard-of-hearing children who joined in their own sign language Mass at Founders Hall, University of San Diego.

And it was a very special day for the Burningham family as all seven members were present when the youngest member, Annie, 8, and deaf, received her First Holy Communion.

At the Mass, other deaf children — Don Gray, 12, and Mike Asaro, 13, were altar boys. Father Joseph McDonnell of USD celebrated the Mass with Bob Ekhaml as sign language interpreter.

ANNIE, Don and Mike are three of the 12 children enrolled in a religious education program for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. This program by the USD Student Volunteers for the Deaf dates from 1966, when a few students from the former College of Women offered individual instruction to deaf children. Enrollment in the program has risen and a teenage discussion group has been added.

USD students meet every Saturday morning during the school year on a one-to-one basis with their children, 7 to 13. They give the children a concrete understanding of God, love, life and friendship through filmstrips, crafts and games.

Mrs. Colleen Burningham feels the program "fulfills a desperate need for the children." The only thing offered for her daughter before was a class for mentally retarded and multiple-handicapped children.

MARY Frances Jackson, a music major, and Terri Duffy, a psychology major, are program coordinators.

"The tutor's main objective is to help the deaf child face a new human relationship in terms he can understand and handle," said Miss Jackson. "Our biggest problem was finding dependable tutors who would come every Saturday morning for an hour. This year, though, we have had a great group of people working together."

According to Miss Duffy, deaf children are often socially isolated from hearing people. Therefore, each new encounter they face with a hearing person is also a learning experience. Both the tutor and pupil must teach each other how to communicate in a new way.

"I HAVE gained an insight into the problems of the deaf," said Beth Rockefeller, a tutor. "My biggest mistake was underestimating the children's ability." She has been working with Jackie Lugo, 9, for two years. "I have grown as much as Jackie has, it is a real give and take experience."

Tutors attend a special sign language class, taught by Mary Harriman, who was raised by deaf parents and has used sign language all her life, though she is not handicapped.

"We work with the entire families, not just the one individual child," said Miss Jackson. At Thanksgiving and Easter the program has a Mass and party for all the families.

"WE KNOW the program reaches only a fraction of the people it could. We hope in the future to set up other centers throughout San Diego similar to the one at USD," said Miss Duffy.

Sister Cecilia Cannon, a student at USD and an observer of the program, says that "with energy and enthusiasm the students have launched themselves wholeheartedly into this worthwhile program for the deaf.

"Undoubtedly these young deaf children are praising God in the silence which surrounds them and reiterating the psalmist words in gratitude to their young instructors, 'His goodness shall follow me always to the end of my days.' "

Former Barstow sister killed

Requiem Mass was concelebrated in San Antonio, Texas, for Sister Mary Magdalene Suarez, a former teacher and principal of Mount St. Joseph's School, Barstow, who died in an automobile accident at the age of 29.

Concelebrants were Father Raymond C. Kirk, pastor of St. Joseph's parish, and Father Patrick Fox, pastor of St. Agnes church, San Diego.

Sister Suarez, a Sister of Mercy of the Blessed Sacrament, served the Barstow parish for five years before she was transferred to Corpus Christi, Texas, 10 months ago.

When the accident occurred near Baltimore, Md., she was travelling with her mother and friends to New York. They were enroute to Italy, where her brother, serving in the U. S. Navy, was to be married.

Diocese to gain four new priests

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FOUR NEW priests outside the diocese have chosen to be ordained for parishes of this diocese.

They include Deacon Nicholas Clavin from Ireland, nephew of Msgr. William F. Clavin, pastor of St. Mary's Star of the Sea, Oceanside. The new priest will be ordained June 17, at All Hallows Seminary, Dublin, where he was educated. In this diocese, Father Clavin will go to St. Joseph's parish, Upland, as associate.

Father James Patrick Foley of Sacramento, recently ordained in Laurel, Md., will be an associate at Sacred Heart church, Ocean Beach. He was a deacon at Our Lady of Grace parish, El Cajon.

DEACON Giles Conwill will be the first black priest ordained for this diocese on June 2 in Cincinnati. He will serve in St. Rita's parish, San Diego. On June 17 he will concelebrate Mass in St. Jude's Shrine, also San Diego, where he was deacon.

Deacon Michael Smith, also to be ordained June 2, in Hillcrest Heights, Md., will be associate pastor at St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Allied Gardens. He served as deacon there and will concelebrate his first Mass in that church at 10 a.m. June 10.

Meanwhile, Father Ruben Lopez, whose family lives in Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Montclair, was ordained for the Los Angeles archdiocese.

He concelebrated his first Mass in the Lourdes church, with Auxiliary Bishop Juan Arzube of Los Angeles, Father Joseph C. Mackey, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, and other priests.

Father Lopez, ordained by Cardinal Timothy Manning, has been assigned to the Resurrection parish, Los Angeles.

Did you get to Mass today? It's a holy day of obligation — Ascension Thursday.

A time to keep
by Michael Newman

Such an ugly word—bigot

I don't really like being called a bigot. It's an ugly word with ugly overtones. And when someone writes to say he smells "bigotry in the air" over the way we treated a news item recently, I resent and react.

But just in case others feel the same, the whole matter is worth explaining. The case is the recent Mexican-American fund raising event in and around the USD campus on the occasion of Cinco de Mayo. Father John Proctor's letter from Colton on page 5 attacks us on the same matter. The letter accusing bigotry was not sent for publication, so I cannot reveal the author, also in Colton, strangely enough.

The Cinco de Mayo celebrations at USD — typical of many similar occasions wherever these happy people foregather on their national day — included food, dancing and a well-attended rock-band festival on the sports field. It is primarily a secular occasion, and we reserve our big coverage of Mexican-American celebrations for Our Lady of Guadalupe around December 12, as our front-page treatment of past years indicates.

We decided to cover the Cinco de Mayo at USD and Nicholas Biondo, our staff member spent most of the day there, taking pictures. I was on another assignment at the other end of the diocese.

When the films were developed it transpired that Nick's camera had given trouble and both the fiesta and the Vista dedication ceremonies, next day, were unrecorded on his camera. Thus do the Gods of journalistic wrath descend on scribes, even though we work seven days most weeks to try to cover everything.

So the only scene left was the filthy state of the football field, which I photographed and used. It was used as the only picture available, but more so since it recorded what this youthful "pollution conscious" generation is able to create in the way of pollution.

So those with the cry of "bigot" on their lips might reconsider their verdict. Also a little help with coverage of events would go a long way — we can't be everywhere at once.

Feminine bishop?

My colleague, Gerard Sherry, who edits the San Francisco **Monitor** for the archdiocese, recently stepped into a little Mexican-American trouble himself. Covering the visit of Bishop Joseph Donnelly to the farm workers in the Coachella Valley, Sherry wrote: "They greeted Bishop Donnelly with the traditional Viva La Obispo (long live the bishop) . . ."

Those who know Spanish will also know that it should be Viva el Obispo — unless your bishop happens to be a woman. Perhaps Sherry was thinking of "Viva la huelga," relating to the strike itself.

Coachella callers

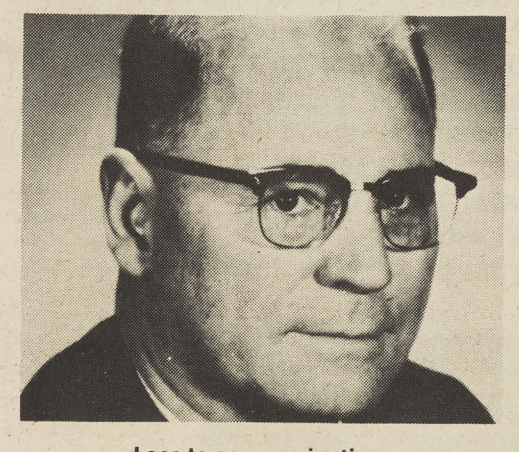
If they get many more visitors down in the valley Father Donal Sheehan, the pastor of Our Lady of Soledad there, will have a busy time looking after them. A couple of weeks ago 125 religious and other leaders from across the nation used the church as a press center and rallying point when they joined pickets.

Among those involved were Msgr. George Higgins, chief consultant to the U. S. Catholic bishops Ad Hoc Committee on Farm Labor, Rabbi Norman Hirsch of Seattle, Father Stephen Ryan, OSM, of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, Father Eugene Boyle of the National Federation of Priests' Councils and the Rev. Harold Schultz, executive director, Council for Christian Social Action, United Church of Christ.

Good communicator

A loss to the Catholic world of communications was the untimely death of Archbishop Edward Heston a few weeks ago, aged 65. His most recent appointment was president of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications, and he brought to his task a generous spirit which overcame many setbacks in this area.

He first came into the communications orbit as press officer during the latter stages of the Vatican Council, and it was with some regret from newsmen



Loss to communications

that he subsequently was made secretary of the Congregation of Religious and Secular Institutes.

His lasting monument will be the work he did in recent months creating a better relationship between the international news media and the Vatican.

Hook-up with the world

Our link with world news of religion generally and our faith in particular will be made much greater when the teletype connection with NC News Service reaches this office. We await the equipment. As the story on page 8 shows, the NC – official Catholic – service has brought the world's first teletype link to Catholic newspapers.

With this speed of communications we shall have news from everywhere outside the diocese as soon as it happens — whether from Rome, Washington or New York. News from around our own diocese we will still get ourselves — with your help, as now.

With only two on our staff to gather the news and pictures, we can't be everywhere at one time, as I said earlier in this column. Your help with stories and pictures not only puts your parish on the map, but helps in our harvest of news in your behalf.

The big cloud on the horizon, is rising costs of producing a newspaper. Labor and other costs are rising, but what worries us most is the actual and threatened increase in the cost of newsprint, the paper we print on.

Editorial

Legal or moral?

There is a growing confusion over what is legal and what is moral.

The confusion, perpetuated by constant legal interference in areas of moral responsibility, is a threat to the whole moral fabric of our nation and the world.

Because abortion is made legal, it does not become moral.

Because homosexual activity in some jurisdictions is not liable to prosecution, this does not confer moral impunity.

When there is no legal restriction on profit ceilings, unlimited profiteering is still immoral.

Whole areas of our lives are governed by moral principles which the law of the land often ignores or overrides. We who are professed Catholics, Christians, must therefore make doubly certain that we apply the moral yardstick even where legality may not be in question.

There is a danger of confusing legality with morality in any civilization where real belief and commitment are lacking. Do we, in the United States of America, fall into this category?

There are many indications that this is a real and present danger.

Legal o moral?

Hay una creciente confusión sobre lo que es legal y lo que es moral.

Tal confusión, perpetuada por la constante interferencia de lo legal en las áreas de la responsabilidad moral, es una amenaza para todo el edificio moral de nuestra nación y del mundo.

Porque el aborto se ha hecho legal, no por ello se ha convertido en moral.

Porque la actividad homosexual an algunas legislaturas no es sujeto de acusación, esto no le confiere impunidad moral.

Donde no exista una legal restricción para aprovechar los espacios aéreos, una utilización ilimitada de ellos es sinembargo inmoral.

Todas las áreas de nuestra vida están gobernadas por los principios morales que las leyes de la tierra con frecuencia ignoran o sobrepasan. Nosotros que nos profesamos Católicos, Cristianos, debemos por esto actuar doblemente serguros de que aplicamos la norma moral aún allí donde la legalidad podría no estar cuestionada.

Hay el peligro de confundir legalidad y moralidad en toda civilización en la cual la fe y el compromiso verdaderos están perdiendose. En los Estados Unidos vamos a caer dentro de tal categoría?

Hay muchos indicadores de que es éste un real y actual peligro.

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Vatican II Constitution on the Church in the Modern World

One minute Bible insight

Our many occupations, duties and responsibilities make it extremely difficult to pray at times; for example, in the case of St. Paul: "I have worked and laboured, often without sleep; I have been hungrey and thirsty and often starving; I have been in cold without clothes. And, to leave out much more, there is my daily preoccupation: my anxiety for all the churches." (2 Corinthians 11:27+)

But through it all he tells the Colossians, "we have never failed to pray for you" (1:9), and asks us to do the same thing, "Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:17+)

It seems that Paul expects the very troubles themselves to be an encouragement to prayer: "But I beg you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of the Spirit, to help me through my dangers by praying to God for me. Pray that I may escape the unbelievers." (Romans 15:30-33)

Paul had another way of preparing for prayer — he cleared his mind by facing up to death: "Brothers, this is what I mean: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it.

"I say this because the world as we know it is passing away. I would like to see you free from all worry." (1 Corinthians 7:29+) It is a difficult balance to keep between reponsibility and detachment, but in the mercy of God both can help us to pray.

Father Jerome Bevilacqua, OSA

FOR PRAYERFUL STUDY: Bible readings at Mass, seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; I John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19.

Opinion Forum

'Gross oversight' accusation

Referring to the picture page 16 SC May 10, we call your attention to a gross oversight on your part. The choice of this picture as an illustration for what should have been considered a fine evidence of community cooperation is reprehensible in our opinion.

The hard work that went into this effort to raise funds for educational purposes is totally ignored. Words of commendation were not expressed in any text in this issue of your paper that we could identify.

Instead, this uncomplimentary illustration was published which, we feel, rides rough-shod over the sensibilities of our Mexican-American friends and neighbors.

It is a known fact that a rock festival in any area where it has ever been held results in the necessity for a final clean-up. Why emphasize this unsavory aspect instead of expressing some measure of appreciation for the fine intention of a dedicated group of people who earnestly worked together to provide educational scholarships for their youth?

Father John G. Proctor, Jr.
Associate Pastor
Immaculate Conception
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(See "A time to keep..." page 4. — Ed)

Fr. Rouse defends view

It is truly disappointing that my esteemed colleague, Sr. Brenda Monteil (Opinion Forum May 24) should presume that Answer Please! might possibly function as the official organ of the music commission or that after 28 years of experience as a degreed and performing musician I should be unable to recognize good music performed badly.

Sister Brenda evidences in her **ad hominem** argument ("most musicians...") a decided preference for generalizations which ignores the wealth of research available concerning music and worship before the Middle Ages. I respectfully encourage her to analyze the rise of the **scholae cantorum,** a study that would initiate her into liturgical developments within the Church. A good start would be Jungmann's definitive work, **The Mass of the Roman Rite.**

Any schoolboy knows that the chant has its antecedents in Jewish and folk music. But that the contents of the **Liber Usualis** are all of high quality is untenable. Sister would do well to acquire a knowledge of the principles used by the monks of Solesmnes in their magnificent labors.

Finally, the assumption that the vast majority of the chant can be sung by the average worshipper (1,000 school children singing Mass VIII at an outdoor extravaganza proves only the exception) reflects one of two possibilities: either sister works only with well-trained choirs or she has little familiarity with anything besides the simpler Sunday Introits and a couple of syllabic sequences, all of which can be taught successfully in a girls' high school academy.

Father Warren Rouse, OFM
San Diego

Chant of past could inspire now

The article on church music by Sister Brenda Monteil (SC May 10) was most inspiring and so beautifully written. It makes one hope that church music will again go back to the Gregorian chant by the great masters of music so that we can again experience the beautiful spiritual feeling in our church services.

I feel this would be just as appreciated and uplifting to modern twentieth century mankind as those in other centuries past.

We greatly need the "lifting up" or relevancy as Sister Brenda writes, to restrain our materialistic nature so imposed upon us by today's modern social standards of living.

Sister Brenda Monteil's article should be widely discussed and certainly is a subject for Synod II.

Alberta Harris
Escondido

Fight abortion with billboards

For years billboards in our country have advertised the pleasures of the world — now a few are being used for God.

On display in Lake Elsinore are four identical billboards upon which appear an image of the left shoulder, arm, and hand of Christ nailed to a cross beam. A unique nail pierces the blood-flowing hand — a hypodermic needle!

Two of these pictures have been exhibited side by side for two months on Lakeshore Drive. One can only imagine the reaction of viewers who have no room for Christ in their lives. If they avert their eyes from the first board, they look headlong at the second.

What would happen if billboards along the major highways in this diocese, and in the United States, carried an anti-abortion message? Since August is the peak of vacation travelling, unimaginable good might result from such a mass appeal if a captivating theme greeted travellers this summer. If one outdoor advertising company can donate space to carry a wordless message about drugs, surely we in the Diocese of San Diego also can unite in support of a cause which reveals respect for life.

On one selected Sunday if each person donated ten cents to rent a billboard in his parish boundary, together we might be able to save the life of at least one of God's unborn.

Perhaps a picture of a smiling baby accompanied by the fifth commandment might do. Or a caption such as "My parents love — they did not abort me" would be acceptable.

Cannot each of us donate prayers, thought, and pennies for this or other anti-abortion campaigns in an effort to love our unborn "neighbors" as ourselves?

Lucille Gunn
Lake Elsinore

World Magazine

Joy at SC press awards

I want to offer my congratulations and those of **Catholic Digest** editorial staff for the awards for excellence your publication received at the recent convention of the Catholic Press Association.

In addition to the sense of joy we share through solidarity with our fellows and friends in the Catholic press, we at **Catholic Digest** derive a special satisfaction from the accomplishments of the publications upon which we rely for our own articles and features.

The increasing excellence and professionalism of Catholic publications was evidenced throughout the convention, and we are happy that you and your staff were recognized for your contributions to these qualities of our shared efforts.

Father Thomas Donlan, OP
Executive Editor
Catholic Digest
St. Paul, Minn.

30 years ago . . .

From **The Southern Cross,** May 28, 1943 — Pope Pius XII calls for prayers "for a faithful Christian life of youthful workers in mission countries."

—Vatican Radio says Church persecution is based on a fear of Christians and on an attempt to incorporate them "in the earthly order to suppress reason, will, judgment and liberty."

—Senora Giuditto Montini, mother of Msgr. Giovanni Battista Montini (Pope Paul VI), director of Vatican Radio, dies suddenly in Brescia, Italy.

—Cathedral Girls' High School, San Diego, gets quick accreditation from the University of California on its list of Accredited Public and Private Secondary Schools.

—Bishop Charles F. Buddy appoints pastors and their associates as auxiliary military chaplains so they can offer three Sunday Masses for service personnel.

25 years ago . . .

From **The Southern Cross** May 28, 1948 — Enthronement of the Sacred Heart urged in all Catholic homes in answer to plea by Pope Pius XII that "even though the war has ceased in nearly every land, the sky is still heavy with threatening clouds."

—**The Southern Cross,** commending the San Diego County Civic Committee, says "this fearless group not only fosters intelligent use of the ballot but makes constructive progress for the community."

—Students of Immaculate Heart diocesan seminary, El Cajon, read the Gospel in 15 languages to commemorate the gift of tongues on the Apostles on Pentecost. Ceremony sponsored by seminary's Missionary Academia.

—Bishop Charles F. Buddy ordains four priests for San Diego diocese — Fathers Michael Nolan, Earl Smith, John Desmond and Modesto Capetillo.

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MOST HAPPY EVENT — When Deacon Frank De Moor, of St. Sophia's, Spring Valley, was visiting his birthplace, Holland, recently, he was able to baptize baby Michael, first child of his sister Mrs. Marie Selder, who had waited 12 years of marriage for the happy event. Deacon De Moor also met with his brother John, a missionary brother in Indonesia — their first meeting in 28 years.

Priests seek to expand work with youth

Southern Cross Reporter

OCEANSIDE — The diocesan Priests' Senate spent much of its recent meeting here hearing reports on youth work and discussing ways in which the Church can better serve young people.

"There are multitudes of difficulties which today's youth faces and these make it difficult for him to relate to the Church," it was noted.

The priests adopted a resolution asking that "the senate's youth committee and personnel board, in cooperation with the bishop, explore the possibility of releasing personnel to work full time in the youth ministry."

REPORTS from the diocesan Department of Youth Activities showed that at least 73 of the 164 parishes in the diocese now have active youth programs.

"Youth and the Church" was a major topic discussed at the recent regional meetings of the U.S. bishops, and reference was made to the Church's concern for youths found in Vatican II documents, the Vatican's **General Catechetical Directory** and the more recent **To Teach as Jesus Did** by the U.S. bishops.

"If we really share a concern for youth," the senate agreed, "if we believe that the problems stated are real, if we accept the guidelines of our bishops and if we can be open to the vision of youth as Pope Paul perceives them — then we can begin to work at some practical implementation."

Diocesan Synod plans progressing

Southern Cross Reporter

WITH preparations for the October opening of Diocesan Synod II gaining momentum, two coordinators have been named to expedite work in the audio-visual media and in the northern areas of the diocese.

Father Eugene Fischer, completing communications graduate studies at Loyola University, Los Angeles, will prepare three audio film strips explaining the synod.

Jack Clinton of St. Joseph's parish, Upland, will be synod coordinator for San Bernardino and Riverside counties, representing Father Phillip Straling, synod executive secretary.

FATHER Fischer plans film strips on the synod's purpose and objectives, structure and the 14 commissions. These will draft the synod documents after gathering reports from parish speak-up sessions starting in October.

Father Straling said Father Fischer, who will also produce synod presentations for radio and TV, "needs assistance, particularly in photography, layout, and audio technique."

Coordinator Clinton is a candidate for the permanent diaconate of the diocese. He is president of the CCD Northern Board and member of the diocesan special task force on education.

ANYONE willing to assist in the communications project may contact the synod office, Box 80428, San Diego, 92138, phone 298-7711, ext. 44.

Requiem Mass for Ramona pioneer

RAMONA — Mass of the Resurrection was offered last week in Immaculate Heart of Mary church here for Mrs. Eleanor Graves Darrough, a long time member of the parish, who died at 91.

Last year she received a commendation from Bishop Leo T. Maher for her services to the Church and parish. The occasion was the 25th anniversary of the Ramona parish, where Father John Gorman is pastor.

Mrs. Darrough's family pioneered in southern California. She was born June 21, 1881 in a community once known as Wash Hollow, near Ramona. Her husband died in 1954.

Ecumenical retreat at Mission San Diego

THERE WILL be an ecumenical Day of Spiritual Renewal for everyone, with time for individual meditation, Saturday, June 2, at Mission San Diego de Alcala.

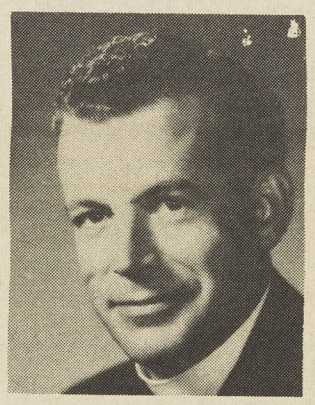
Small groups will share insights on the Pentecost story in Acts 1 and 2. Participants are advised to bring their Bibles.

The day is sponsored by the San Diego County Ecumenical Conference, with Msgr. I. Brent Eagen, diocesan chancellor and pastor of the de Alcala parish, as host.

MSGR. JOHN Portman, pastor of the Immaculata, Alcala Park, will lead a worship session and review the history of the mission, California's first church.

The Rev. Douglas K. MacConnell of Mission Village United Church of Christ will be a retreat leader. Other participants include the Rev. Donald Shelby of St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Free child care will be available at Nazareth House



Rev. MacConnell

which adjoins the mission. The day starts with 9:30 a.m. registration and ends at 4 p.m. More information, 232-6385.

Home missions aiding diocese

THE CATHOLIC Church Extension Society spent $4,200 in this diocese last year under its home missions assistance program — bringing the total to $632,264.

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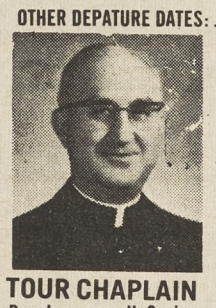

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3:00 p.m. - John Flanagan and The Guys (continued)
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5:00 p.m. - Happy Hour, Arthur Zamisch, accordion
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Loyola president to speak

565 will graduate from USD

FATHER Donald P. Merrifield, SJ, president of Loyola University, Los Angeles, will be commencement speaker at University of San Diego graduation ceremonies 7 p.m. Friday, June 1, in Golden Hall, Community Concourse.

Degrees will be presented to 250 undergraduates and 50 graduates. Dorothy Florence, former president, Associated Students, will give the student address.

The USD School of Law will hold its commencemnt at noon June 2 in the Civic Theater. Earl Warren, former Supreme Court chief justice, will speak. There will be about 265 graduates.

FATHER Merrifield has advance degrees in physics, philosophy and theology. He has taught at Loyola University, University of Santa Clara and University of San Francisco. He is winner of the Alumni Distinguished Service Award from the California Institute of Technology.

Bishop Leo T. Maher, chairman of the USD Board of Trustees, and Dr. Author E. Hughes, USD president, also will speak at the university's commencement.

Father John Myhan, assistant history professor, will give the invocation and Sister Sally Furay, provost, will welcome students and parents.

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The league's 24-hour number, 985-0205, will cover Upland, Pomona Valley and much of San Bernardino county.

Phones will be manned by specially trained volunteers who will make referrals and give medical, financial, housing and other information. They were trained by Catholic Social Services of San Bernardino.

THE UPLAND "hot-line" is the eighth started in Southern California by branches of the Right to Life League in Los Angeles.

In San Diego, the number still is 583-LIFE, a 24-hour service by the San Diego County Pro-Life League.

Life amendment future in doubt

WASHINGTON (RNS) — The chief congressional spokesman for anti-abortion legislation is skeptical about chances for its passage this year, although he says response from around the country is encouraging.

Rep. Lawrence J. Hogan (R-Md.), who introduced the Right to Life Amendment, explained lawmakers "prefer to avoid a controversial issue."

Hogan, a Catholic, invited 434 congressmen to an anti-abortion seminar. Five attended, he said.

In Loving Memory

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend the spirits of these beloved ones who are gone before us into the realm of Thy eternal happiness and peace. — Amen.

FRIEL, Henry J. Sr. Husband of Mary Friel, father of Henry J., Jr., and John T. Friel, Mary Walton and Geraldine Miller, also 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Requiem Mass, May 23, Holy Cross Mausoleum Chapel. *Goodbody's Blvd. Chapel.*

GUILIN, Gertrudis. Sister of Amelia Quinones. Requiem Mass, May 22, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. *Goodbody's Blvd. Chapel.*

KETCHAM, Patricia Rose. Mother of Cecilia J. Vann and Robin Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy B. Payne, also two brothers and one grandchild. Requiem Mass, May 23, St. Martin's Church, La Mesa. *Goodbody's Blvd. Chapel.*

DE MENT, Gordon D. Husband of Betty Jean De Ment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ethilbert De Ment, brother of Verla Quoss, Mildred Meltimore and James and Chancey De Ment. Requiem Mass, May 19, St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church. *Goodbody's Blvd. Chapel.*

LITTLE, Dolores. No known survivors. Requiem Mass, May 13, St. Rita's Church. *Goodbody's Blvd. Chapel.*

MORRISSEY, James J. Brother of Katherin Garry, uncle of Rita Herwig, Regina Bogdan and Raymond Garry, Requiem Mass, May 21, St. Patrick's Church. *Goodbody's Blvd. Chapel.*

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World Communications Day

OPENING OF WIRES — Bishop James S. Rausch, general secretary of the U. S. Catholic Conference, flips a switch to start the NC News wire transmission system. Beside him is A. E. P. Wall, director and editor-in-chief of NC News. The first words on the wire were from Pope Paul. Other messages were from President Richard Nixon and Cardinal John Krol, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Catholic press focus of June 3 observance

Southern Cross Reporter

WORLD Communications Day, June 3, puts the spotlight on the **Southern Cross** and other Catholic newspapers which, through the year, feature religious and secular developments of concern to Christians.

Newspapers and other Catholic media must "take positive steps to improve the standards of living," according to the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications in Rome which sponsors the observance.

"The media must reaffirm over and over again the distinction between what is and what ought to be," said the commission. "The media must not rest content with merely reflecting life as it is, even if they are to reflect this without distortion or imbalance."

EXPLAINING this year's theme, "The mass media and the affirmation and promotion of spiritual values," the commission said:

"The term 'spiritual values' includes not only religious values but all values which have a bearing on the preservation of human dignity and the human decencies. It is such values which make man superior to animal and the world better than a zoo."

The idea that mass media can win large audiences only by "depreciating the higher Christian or human values... is a gratuitous insult to the great body of humanity.

"IT HAS been demonstrated over and over again that first-class material, presented with skill, good taste and artistry. . . is capable of attracting enormous followings.

"The media, in the hands of determined communicators who know their business, can go a very long way towards creating the demand they will later endeavor to satisfy."

Noting a tendency to "question and belittle spiritual values in all areas of life," the commission stressed:

"THE MASS media undoubtedly have the power to arrest this process, to halt it completely and to reverse it ...

"The media are God's creations, designed for our time. They are his preplanned response to a foreseen need of our time. In contributing their powerful support to the preservation of spiritual values, they will best fulfill their rich promise and best serve humanity."

Better to serve you

'Southern Cross' soon to join worldwide teletype link

Southern Cross Reporter

THE SOUTHERN Cross will soon be linked with a sophisticated wire transmission service to get world and national news of interest to readers of this diocese.

While not reducing its coverage of diocesan and parish developments, this newspaper will use the wire service to bring readers news from outside the diocese faster and in greater depth.

The teletype service is operated by the National Catholic (NC) News Service in Washington, D. C., which began serving Catholic newspapers around the country May 21.

THE SYSTEM started with a special blessing from Pope Paul VI, the "warmest congratulations" of President Nixon, and the push of a button by Bishop James Rausch, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference.

The Pope said the wire service offers "a new opportunity for the intelligent dissemination of needed information, for sharing thoughts and reactions, giving mutual support and building up a spirit of unity and charity in the Christian community."

President Nixon said that with the beginning of the wire system, NC News Service "marks a new era which promises to further its reputation as a responsible source of up-to-date information."

CARDINAL John Krol of Philadelphia, president of the NCCB and USCC, called the new service "a timely instrument for communicating timeless truth." Bishop Rausch said it is an "especially dramatic symbol of the Church's growing commitment to use the most up to date media of communication for transmitting the Good News of Jesus Christ."

The wire service follows the same NC professional editorial procedures, but when stories have been fully edited, they are sent to a teletype room rather than a mimeograph room. Here teletype operators transform the typed stories to teletype tapes using an electronic puncher.

The tapes are then fed into a tape transmitter and transmitted via a telephone line to the Dow Jones Co. office in New York. The NC transmissions will then be combined with 17 other signals on a Dow Jones wire capable of transmitting 18 separate signals simultaneously.

THE SIGNAL will then be carried to Dow Jones offices in cities across the country. Local telephone lines carry the signal to the office of the newspaper subscriber, where a device known as a demodulator separates the NC signal from the other 17 and sends the signal to a nearby teletype printer.

The story, transmitted in Washington only a fraction of a second before, is printed on the teletype machine. It can then be edited by the local newspaper, or, in some cases, rewritten to link the story with local angles or developments.

The link to SC offices in San Diego awaits the necessary equipment and trunk lines, expected within a few weeks.

Pope summons help of media

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope Paul VI called for "positive action" by the mass media to spread the message of Christ throughout the world.

In a statement for World Communications Day, the Pope said the progress made in social communications is "one of the greatest blessings of our age."

"Now as never before spiritual values can be affirmed and spread from one end of the earth to the other," he said. "The marvelous providence of God has reserved this wonder for our age."

Pope Paul decried the "abuses and the harm" caused by communications media when they are "so often used to contradict or corrupt the fundamental values of human life and produce discord and evil."

"The spread of false ideologies and excessive preoccupation with mere material progress frequently detract from concern for true wisdom and lasting values," he warned.

"The true advancement of man, the true progress of peoples, can be realized only when the spiritual values which answer their highest aspirations receive due emphasis."

The pontiff called on "all those engaged in social communications to tell the story of the sacrifice and dedication that exists in the world, to make known the good that abounds, and the dynamism, enthusiasm and selflessness of so many, especially among the young."

Pope Paul

He urged media personnel to "renew their resolve to transform the mass media into burning torches and powerful beacons illuminating the path to the only true happiness."

The Pope gave a special word of thanks to radio, television and the press for disseminating news about the Church and the Vatican.

"The world needs the affirmation of spiritual values as seen in their concrete expression," he said. "To reach this goal those who are able to use social communications in all their expressions must do so."

"Vantage point for humanity"

'Great period' seen for Catholic press

Frank Hogan

NEW YORK — Catholic editors "don't know how good they are," says Frank Hogan, playwright and former senior editor of **McCall's** magazine.

He was coordinator of judges for the Catholic Press Association's recent awards competition in Minneapolis, in which the **Southern Cross** won best front page award and two other special citations.

Hogan predicts a "great, great period for the Catholic press. What is going on is bigger than postal rates. As a playwright you learn to feel the audiences... and as for the Catholic press, my reaction is 'its time has come.' "

HE POINTED to the quality of entries in the press contest and comments of the judges. One of them, T George Harris, editor, **Psychology Today**, said the "religious needs now rising to the conscious level in millions of Americans will put a special demand upon Catholic editors who have the faith to deal with it courageously."

Taking up this point, Hogan predicted that the Catholic press "must reflect the Church" and "it will go exactly where religion is going to go." In the past, it has mirrored uncertainty, and "I don't think the revolution is over.

"But I think all of the excesses of the past have been worthwhile. They will develop into something very good."

WHAT HAVE editors been doing wrong — and right? Where have they gone astray? How have they reacted to pressures — both internal and economic? What are their opportunities?

Hogan said many Catholic editors had privately indicated that "perhaps they have overparticipated in the social role."

It is not the job of the religious press, for instance, to break the Watergate scandal story because "that's the job of the **Washington Post.**" On the other hand, Catholic newspapers should be in the lead in covering "the religious story." What, for instance, is the latest Catholic thinking on judgment, or death, or angels?

"I'M NOT saying 'don't cover the problems of the aged,' but I'm afraid that too often Catholic papers have been trapped into the secular press story."

Hogan conceded he gets "furious" when he sees religious publications scooped by secular newspapers on stories about spiritual problems.

A reason is that "Catholic editors have undersold themselves. They have luxuriated in a massive inferiority complex. They don't know how desperately they are needed."

A WEEKLY or monthly can "make news" by promoting its editorial content. If it has, for instance, exclusive or unusual articles on subjects such as Christian responses to homosexuality or women's liberation in the Church, "the thing to do is to promote it through public relations."

"Many Catholic editors don't realize how interested the non-religious world is in what they are saying. Sometimes in the mission field they have exclusive access to newsworthy information, and by promoting it they could make news."

Hogan said he was "appalled" that there is now no Catholic newspaper "pinpointed at youth" at a time when "kids are interested in religious answers."

Ascension Thursday

MODERN, TRADITIONAL — Above is a recent interpretation of the Ascension made by the missalette company of J. S. Paluch. Below, the Ascension of Christ in a fresco by Giotto (c.1266-c.1337) in Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy. The fragment above (Mark 16:19) written in the Greek of the New Testament translates: "And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place . . ."

As women will . . .
by Enid Lanyon

That they may see the light

AS WOMEN WILL, we were talking about . . . lights and sparkle, chandeliers and cathedrals, and how individual Christian witness finds a place in God's scheme of things.

It started, as these discussions frequently do, after a Sunday homily. Remarking that the Christian imperative to loving witness acts to our own benefit and spiritualization, the homilist uttered those inflammatory words "God is not affected by whether you love or not. He is not changed by your faithfulness or unfaithfulness. God does not need us. We, wholly, completely, and utterly need him."

In this era of emergent laymen, personalism, the "we are God's hands, without us he can do nothing" emphasis, the exaggerated pre-occupation with "needs" and "fulfilment," the simple reminder that God really is not affected by our attitudes can shake us to the core.

ADMIT IT OR NOT, in the deep crevasses of our psyche, we enjoy the thought of God's gratitude for our concession to love. After years of being taught that God is hurt by our sin — and after all, isn't that the attraction of sin, that we may make him suffer a little too? — it is hard to accept that our defiance harms no one but ourselves and those around us.

We do not change God by our actions, but nonetheless it is necessary to his creative plan that those actions be a true reflection of his light, of his love.

There is in San Francisco Cathedral, an immense crystal chandelier. It hangs in a shower of crystal rods from the ceiling — a freeform sculpture — tier upon tier, like a falling nebula caught in space. In the unlit dimness of the church it sheens slightly with an ethereal ghostly beauty.

IT IS BEAUTIFUL, but somehow lacking. At first it seems an extravagant work of art, without real function or purpose, elusive as a dream. But when the light floods it, there is a transformation.

Suddenly it leaps into life. Every simple crystal rod shimmers and flashes and radiates a brilliance of light. There is seemingly endless movement, breathtaking bursts of color, spears and shafts of light. Suddenly its beauty is indescribable.

It has become, not only a reflection of light, but a thing of light itself, transcending its physical form, surpassing its elemental potential.

WE DO NOT NEED to ask its purpose or function. It is vitally, transparently evident. It is meant to receive and give light — to infuse and diffuse that wonderful, illuminating power.

And in the receiving and the giving each prism, each tier, the whole creation is illuminated and converted into limitless, indefinable beauty and one-ness with the light. But the light itself is neither diminished nor increased by the chandelier.

The light itself shines constantly from its source whether the chandelier fulfills its purpose or not. And if it does not — if a single crystal is clouded or faulty and obstructs the passage of light — what happens?

NOT ONLY DOES that prism deny itself this transforming effect, but it deprives others of the radiance it should transmit to them. Each dull crystal inhibits the cluster — the grouping of which it is part — hindering its full execution of purpose. What was intended as an incredibly lovely and responsive creation is marred, its effectiveness impaired.

It is still a creation of great potential — the light continues to pour out upon it, but the chandelier is less than it is meant to be, less than the vision of its creator. It fails to glorify either itself or the light. It fails to attain its true identity.

We too, are creations of light — God's light, his love. Always the choice is before us — to hang dull and unresponsive to his unwavering light, or to leap into eternal life in self-transcending response.

A HAWK RETURNS — Dusk closes in as an osprey (fish hawk) returns to its treetop nest near the Assateague National Seashore in Maryland. The species has been seen rarely in recent years but is coming back in strength.

Osservatore urges revival of medals

VATICAN CITY (RNS) — Vatican City's daily newspaper, **L'Osservatore Romano**, has recommended a "revival" among Catholics of the custom of keeping sacred images in the home and of wearing religious medals.

At the same time, the paper urged that all such images and medals reflect "good taste."

In what it described as "an iconoclasm of a new kind," **Osservatore** said sacred images are being replaced in homes by landscape and still-life pictures and "old prints."

"**THE HANGING** of sacred images on the walls of one's home is a pastoral action that ought to be resumed with simplicity and persistence," the paper said, adding:

"Those who have refined tastes and want nothing but original paintings and precious frames on the walls of their homes can find artists who are willing to create original and valuable religious images."

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Talking Point

Does the Church still have the answers?

Southern Cross Sources

ARE THERE ANY absolutes left?

What has happened to the catechism?

What about social issues? Should a Christian become involved?

RELIGION ITSELF — is it healthy or unhealthy for humans?

And what about the Church hierarchy? How does a Catholic deal with it in making moral decisions?

These questions and other challenges to the Church and its doctrines have left many Catholics wondering where the certainties went. **U.S. Catholic**, national publication of the Claretian Fathers, looks into the questions in an article that asks if the Church "has the answers" in a modern world.

ABSOLUTES? They still exist, maintains author John S. Nelson, a PH.D., who teaches religion at Fordham University, New York. But he points to widespread disagreement among theologians as to just what they are. And he begins by noting that even almost universally-accepted absolutes — like the obligation to tell the truth — are difficult to apply in all cases.

"Repeatedly, we face choices that are not between obvious good and evil but between alternatives, none of which is totally good," Nelson writes. "Sometimes we are reduced to seeking the lesser of two evils.

"War is a dramatic example. In my opinion, it is always an evil in modern times because it is impossible to avoid killing the innocent. At the same time, I cannot assert that a Christian can never go to war because the alternative could be even worse."

DESPITE THE difficulty of applying norms, Nelson feels there are bedrock beliefs that are essential to being Catholic — like the belief that Christ is God and the belief in individual immortality.

Many Catholic parents brought up on the "sure answers" contained in the catechism are particularly confused by the difference between what they learned and what their children are learning in religion classes.

The shift from the old familiar catechetics began about 15 years ago and has gone through four distinct phases since then, the author writes.

IN THE FIRST change, emphasis shifted from the creed to scripture. "Instead of the **outer** limits of the Ten Commandments, we stressed the **inner** core of the Two Great Commandments, to love neighbor and God."

In the late 60s, "We began to stress God's presence to us in the human person and in human history. So we shifted to looking at the human person in his growing process, at how he acts in relation to other people, and how he affects the critical situations of the world."

This approach still dominates, Nelson writes, but is beginning to wane because "it speaks too optimistically, even naively about God's being already present in human life and history.

"BUT EVENTS OF recent history — assassinations, continued racial unrest, an ambiguous and unpopular war — have sobered the enthusiasm of five years ago.

"Then we remember: although **Christ** is already risen, we are only still rising. Hence we are looking more to the future, to God coming among us to raise us to our full stature as his sons and daughters."

Currently, catechetics is heading in "two complementary directions: healing and hallowing.

"THE HEALING IS prophetic. It calls men to appraise realistically the value systems of the world we live in, to recognize where we dehumanize one another and to exorcise this demonic influence. Future-oriented catechetics provokes indignation, a dissatisfaction with things as they are, so that we may make them better.

"But equally important is the hallowing. It recognizes the good and healthy already with us — not as a final goal but as a sign of what men can become. If the healing exorcises, the hallowing divinizes."

What about social issues? The author feels a person should become involved with them, because the world isn't just an ante-room to wait until we are summoned by God. That essentially negative outlook on life comes from the Greek view that "if we keep ourselves busy and out of trouble, when the time comes we will be able to get into heaven," he says.

"BUT AS VATICAN II made clear, it is hardly adequate. It is not in keeping with the Incarnation. In coming among us, Christ demonstrated that the world is of value and so is our work in it."

Another question discussed by Nelson: Is religion healthy or unhealthy for humans?

The question needs answering because "popular articles and books, particularly in psychology, have treated religion as a liability, as a force lessening man's humanity. Questions have been raised about the influence of religion on healthy sexuality, on openness to change, on readiness to reach out to those in need, or fighting racism and other social injustice.

"BUT SINCERE believers do try — they do strive toward being man fully alive; and for them religion is the force for achieving the maximum potential of a human being.

"Moreover, there is a difference between someone who belongs to his religious group as he does to a political party, and someone whose life is centered on religious commitment. No doubt religion gets a bad name from those who just belong.

"As psychologists have noted, those who are mechanical, institutionalized members do not permit religion to make a difference in their lives. But those who live by their religious beliefs are different because of them. The witness they give speaks loudly of the positive role of religion in society and for the individual."

NELSON ALSO examines current ways Catholics are dealing with the hierarchy in making moral decisions.

In the past, he writes, "Catholics accepted what the Pope said as the last word for their conscience." A growing number, he says, have come to a new approach which he finds sound:

"'The Pope's teaching is part of my own decision-making and an integral part of the forming of my conscience. I listen with reverence and try to grasp what he's saying. I give him the presumption of evidence. But I reserve the right and the responsibility to weigh all evidence in making my decision.'"

SPEAKING OF bishops, he says they, for the most part, "do not initiate theological ideas; they preside, as judges of faith, over the pioneering attempts of others. . .

"A tone can be sounded in many ways, by many instruments; but if it is basically the same pitch, the tuning will vibrate in response to it. The Gospel is like such a sound. It can find a fresh expression in every age and culture. Yet there must be some way of testing and discerning which forms are genuine and which are not.

"The bishops speak with authority," Nelson asserts,and the faithful should listen — but not without thinking, not without reading newspapers, magazines and books that bring them in touch, not without taking adult religion courses to broaden their religious awareness.

"As listeners they are responsive. As believers they are responsible for their faith."

U.S. Catholic

Answer Please!

By Father Warren Rouse, OFM

Question:

During Mass in our church we were asked to sign an anti-abortion petition and the priest said: "If you are unwilling to sign this petition, then I suggest you consider very seriously whether you can come to Communion because you are not a fully witnessing Catholic." How could he say such a thing? Surely we all have a right to our own conscience over abortion?

For a Catholic, abortion — the deliberate killing of the fetus — is a non-negotiable matter totally contrary to the teaching and traditions of the Old and New Testaments. You do not have a right to your own conscience in this matter.

The priest's words were motivated by the Scriptural principle that faith without good works is dead. Indeed, it borders on hypocrisy to receive Christ in Communion and then do nothing to remedy the violations of his law.

You did not quote the priest correctly, however. He said, "I suggest you consider very seriously whether you **should**..." I know. I was there. I made the statement. And I stand by it.

Question:

Is it necessary to ring bells at the consecration? If bells are rung, what might be the meaning of the action?

In the pre-Vatican II days when participation at Mass generally consisted in saying the rosary, "getting in" one's favorite devotions or following an English missal, the practice of ringing the bells was functional rather than theological: it was meant to call attention to the more important parts of the eucharistic celebration.

The revised Order of the Mass has no references with regard to bells. The obvious assumption is that the active participation of the faithful in a vernacular Mass renders attention-getting devices as superfluous. If bells are rung, about the only meaning might be to give the altar boy something to do.

Question:

I read somewhere recently that it is only a biblical myth that Joseph was a carpenter. What is your answer?

The Gospel of St. Matthew (13:55) refers to Jesus as the "son of the carpenter," which seems to be faithful to the Latin and Greek texts. The **Jerome Biblical Commentary** adds no further comment, although some scholars in the past have translated "carpenter" as "artisan."

Question:

What color was Jesus' skin? In paintings we always see him as blond-haired and fair-skinned. Would he not be dark-skinned like the people are where he came from?

Yes. One gets the distinct impression that many 19th and 20th century portrait artists were influenced by the Avon Lady or the local hair stylist — or both, coupled with a heavy dose of Anglo-Saxon patriotism.

'Secret Gospel' find challenged by scholars

NEW YORK (NC) — The so-called "secret Gospel" of St. Mark, is "totally spurious" according to several scripture scholars.

They challenged claims of Dr. Morton Smith, whose book **The Secret Gospel** was published recently. Dr. Smith, professor of ancient history at Columbia University, suggests that Christ was an occultist or magic worker who initiated his followers into the Kingdom of Heaven by a mysterious baptismal ceremony.

The book is based on what Dr. Smith claims are two previously unknown fragments of St. Mark's Gospel which he discovered.

BUT ACCORDING to the Rev. Pierson Parker, an expert on Mark's Gospel, who teaches at General Thological Seminary, the author of the fragments was familiar with all four Gospels of the Bible. If this is true, Mark could not have written the fragments.

And Msgr. Patrick Skehan, former member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and now professor of Semitic languages, Catholic University of America, said he was surprised Dr. Smith would make such claims when there is historical evidence to suggest the contrary.

He said the alleged Gospel text is "a spurious text written by a Gnostic" and "any connection with St. Mark is totally spurious."

DR. SMITH bases his claim partly on literary analysis of the two fragments which he found in 1958 in a manuscript attributed to Clement of Alexandria, second-century Christian teacher. Dr. Smith says his analysis shows an unmistakable resemblance between the fragments and St. Mark's Gospel.

The first fragment, according to Dr. Smith, should be inserted after chapter 10, verse 34, of the present Gospel of St. Mark. It speaks of a young man whom Jesus raised from the dead. The young man came to Jesus six days later dressed only in linen cloth and "remained with him that night, for Jesus taught him the mystery of the Kingdom of God," the account says.

Dr. Smith contends that this teaching was a ceremony in which the initiate was dipped into water and then by other unknown ceremonies, was "possessed by Jesus' spirit and so united with Jesus."

THIS POSITION would give stronger biblical support to the Gnostic Strain of thought which was condemned through the early centuries of Christianity.

The most distinguishing characteristic of Gnosticism, according to the **New Catholic Encyclopedia,** "is that salvation is accomplished not by the power of God nor by human faith nor by cooperation with the will of God, but by the assimilation of esoteric knowledge. The various Gnostic systems gave a central place to the figure of a redeemer whose essential task was to come among men and communicate or reveal to them the saving knowledge."

Msgr. Skehan, who spent three years in Jerusalem working on the Dead Sea Scrolls for the American School of Oriental Research, expressed surprise at Dr. Smith's theory that the fragments belong to Mark's Gospel.

"WHAT HE HAS is a text of Clement of Alexandria which quotes Egyptian Gnostic material from the second century, which in turn is a falsification of the canonical text of Mark." said Msgr. Skehan. "Professor Smith should know this, because Clement's works contain citations of this text."

Religion seen victim of Ulster conflict

GENEVA (RNS) — Irish Catholic and Protestant church leaders have expressed grave concern over the harm that has been done "to the cause of Christian unity" throughout the world "by an oversimplification of the nature of the terrible conflict" in Northern Ireland.

An announcement by the World Council of Churches said the joint statement was in response to a call for a special day of prayer for peace in Ireland (Pentecost Sunday, June 10) issued recently by the WCC and the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity.

A letter, addressed to Cardinal Jan Willebrands, president of the Vatican unity department and to Dr. Philip Potter, WCC general secretary, said the Ulster conflict was based on "political and social issues with deep historical roots.

"THE OVERWHELMING majority of the people in Ireland of all religious beliefs passionately desire peace. The number of people actively engaged in volence is only a fraction of one per cent of the population."

Deploring the fact that the conflict is usually depicted as "primarily religious in character," the letter expressed hope the special day of prayer would help "to clarify for people everywhere the true nature of the terrible events."

The letter was signed by Cardinal William Conway, Archbishop of Armagh, Northern Ireland, and Primate of All Ireland; the Rev. E. R. Lindsay, president of the Methodist Church in Ireland; the Very Rev. George O. Simms, Anglican Archbishop of Armagh; and the Rev. R.V.A. Lynas, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

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Swiss repeal ban on Jesuits

BERNE, Switzerland (NC) — A constitutional article banning Jesuits from Switzerland and another prohibiting the establishment of convents and monasteries were repealed in national referendum.

Fifty-five percent of the voters approved the repeal of the two articles. About 40 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots in the referendum.

The fact that about 45 percent of the voters voted against repealing the two articles seemed to indicate that age-old anti-Catholic prejudices still prevail among a sizeable sector of the population, especially in predominantly Protestant cantons. (Cantons are states of the Swiss federation.)

THE SWISS bishops had urged the electorate to vote for an end to the 126-year-old ban on the Jesuits and the prohibition against new religious communities.

The bishops had maintained that the constitutional ban was contrary to basic human rights, especially the right of freedom of worship. A little over half the Swiss population is Catholic.

Swiss Protestant church leaders had generally favored abolishing the constitutional restrictions. There were some Catholics, however, who were reluctant to do away with the bans because they object to what they regard as "exaggerated progressive" tendencies among some Jesuits.

THE PROHIBITION dates back to 1848 after the religious-civil war of the Sonnerbund, named after a league of Catholic cantons. Jesuits were prohibited on the grounds that they wielded powerful political influence and thus were a menace to public peace.

The second and more severe form of the prohibition came in 1874 at the height of the Kulturkampf, an anti-Church campaign originating in Germany but spreading throughout German-speaking Europe. That was the prohibition that remained until the referendum.

Despite the ban, there have been about 80 Jesuits whose presence in the country is tacitly tolerated by Swiss authorities.

Niece serving in diocese

New Apostolic Delegate is first non-Italian

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NC) — For the first time a non-Italian has been named Apostolic Delegate to the United States since this post was established in 1893.

He is Archbishop Jean Jadot, a Belgian and former papal diplomat in Africa and Asia. The new Apostolic Delegate succeeds Cardinal Luigi Raimondi who held the post from 1967 until last March when he became a cardinal.

A NIECE OF the new Apostolic Delegate, Sister Beatrice Regnier, is presently working in the San Diego diocese. She is one of two Belgian Sisters of Our Lady in the diocese and has been attached to the Precious Blood Convent, Chula Vista.

Archbishop Jadot will be the Pope's principal representative to Catholics in this country, with headquarters here.

Since the U. S. and the Vatican have no official diplomatic relations, the Apostolic Delegate's principal concerns are with the Church in America. He keeps the Vatican informed on Church developments and plays an important role in such matters as the appointment of American bishops.

ARCHBISHOP Jadot was born in Brussels Nov. 23, 1909, and ordained Feb. 11, 1934. After serving as a military chaplain for the Belgian armed forces in the former Belgian Congo, he was the national director of Pontifical Missionary Work for Belgium.

On Feb. 23, 1968 he was made Titular Bishop of Zuri and appointed apostolic delegate for Laos, Malaysia and Singapore. On Aug. 28, 1969, he was given the additional post of pro-nuncio in Thailand.

Since May 15, 1971, Archbishop Jadot has been pro-nuncio apostolic in Cameroun and Gabon and apostolic delegate for Equatorial Guinea.

Archbishop Jadot

Pope praises priests' educational program

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The purpose of North American College's Institute for Continuing Theological Education is "wise and providental," Pope Paul told a group of American priests and bishops winding up a three-month course at the institute.

They included two priests from the San Diego diocese — Father Neal Dolan, diocesan vocations director, and Father Frederick J. Florek, associate pastor of Our Mother of Confidence church, San Diego.

The Pope said the program had enabled them to draw closer to Christ, understand their ministry better, examine the truths of the faith and respond to questions of the modern world.

THE GROUP was led by Bishop James M. Hickey, rector of North American College — the residence of U. S. seminarians and priests studying in Rome — and Msgr. Richard J. Mahowald, institute founder and director.

The institute "can bring back to you so many basic truths that you once studied and perhaps forgot: aspects of God's word ever relevant for your own lives and the lives of those to whom you minister," said the Pope.

Explaining the institute helps in examining more deeply the truths of the faith, Pope Paul said: "You are well aware that these truths are fixed in their dogmatic formulation, but they are inexhaustible in their content and their study."

Women ordinations not popular Vatican topic

VATICAN CITY (NC) — One of two groups appointed by the Vatican to study the role of women in the Church will probably discuss the ordination of women to the priesthood, but the mood in the Vatican at the moment frowns on any radical change in the present law of ordaining men only.

Following the suggestion made by the Synod of Bishops in 1971, the Vatican asked the International Theological Commission, an advisory group of 30 male scholars, to study the role of women in the Church and make recommendations.

The secretary of the theological commission, Msgr. Philippe Delhaye of Louvain University in Belgium, told NC News in Rome that a subcommittee headed by French Dominican Father Marie Joseph Le Guillou is currently studying "ministries for women."

MSGR. DELHAYE said his personal opinion is that the subcommittee could recommend greater use of women in the lesser ministries, such as lector and catechist.

He further suggested that women who are now empowered to distribute Communion in areas where there is a shortage of priests could be allowed to witness marriages and bestow a blessing after Communion.

One member of the theological commission who is not on the subcommittee suggested that any recommendation to ordain women will fall on deaf ears during the pontificate of Pope Paul.

MANY THEOLOGIANS in Rome argue that Christ did not ordain women and that for the Church to do so now would be "unfaithful" to the intention of Christ.

Other theologians counter by saying it was sociologically impossible for Christ to elevate a woman to such a position of prestige in his time.

According to Msgr. Delhaye, the Vatican purposely assigned Father Le Guillou as one of 25 members of the new Commission on Women in Society and the Church that was announced by Pope Paul VI on May 3.

Although this commission numbers a few theologians among its members, it is composed of priests, nuns, housewives, married women, widows and one unmarried college girl.

ONE MEMBER of the commission, Dominican Sister Teresa Avila McLeod of Scotland, who taught for over 15 years at Rosary College in Chicago, said that she expected the issue of women priests at least to be discussed by her commission.

"If we were appointed to talk of women in society and the Church you cannot sweep under the rug any mention of the ministry of women in the Church, including priestly ordination," she said.

Sister McLeod, who has a master's degree in Scripture from the Biblical Institute in Rome, said that most Catholic and Protestant scripture scholars today see no scriptural problem in ordaining women.

"I AM NEITHER for nor against ordaining women," she said, "but we must face the problem of a shortage of priests."

Asked if there is any obstacle to the ordination of women in the tradition of the Church, she replied:

"Is it tradition with a capital T, an element constitutive of the essential teaching of the Catholic Church...Or is it simply a tradition, a habit or custom which can be modified?"

THAT IT WILL not be modified is strongly suggested by a warning reportedly issued by the Vatican.

The press recently reported that the Vatican had circulated a memorandum, known as a pro-memoria, stating that right from the start "the holy ordination of women must be excluded" as a topic of discussion by the new commission on women.

THE MEMORANDUM was issued, it was reported, "in order to avoid . . . confusion or vain illusions."

Father Philip Berrigan reveals marriage to former sister

BALTIMORE (NC) — "We are sorry to lose a brother who in the past has given years of service as a parish priest, as a teacher and as a man of great energy and dedication."

With those words, a Josephite superior announced that anti-war activist Father Philip Berrigan was no longer a member of the order after it was revealed that the priest and the former Sister Elizabeth McAllister had been married.

The couple, whose names were constantly linked over the past four years because of their anti-war activities, announced that they had been married by "mutual consent" since May, 1969.

THE MARRIAGE, the couple disclosed, had three stages. First, there was the "mutual consent" marriage of 1969, followed by a "formalized" marriage at the Danbury, Conn. federal prison in Jan. 1972. And on Memorial Day, May 28, after having taken out a marriage certificate in Montclair, N.J., the couple was married, reportedly at Sister McAllister's Montclair home.

Paul Mayer, a former Benedictine priest who is now married, performed the ceremony, without the traditional Catholic wedding text.

Neither Sister Elizabeth, a member of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of May, nor Father Berrigan applied for dispensation from their religious vows. They told a small group of reporters in New York "celibacy is not the issue, responsible freedom is . . ."

THE COUPLE said they had been living as man and wife for the past four years except for the fact they did not have a common home and for keeping their marriage a secret.

Your Mission Church

ROME — The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith has allocated 38 million for distribution to world missions in 1973. While mission collections have risen for the last three years, mission needs continue to skyrocket, making it impossible for the society to grant all requests.

MADRID — There are about 15,000 Spanish religious and lay missionaries in Latin America. Some of them have been asked by governments or bishops in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia and Paraguay to leave the country on charges of meddling in local politics.

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Oblate missionaries from Canada have asked the Bolivian government for firm assurances that harassment of religious activities will stop or they "will seriously consider pulling out of the country."

NAIROBI, Kenya — A Catholic bishop and four priests from Rhodesia were banned from entering Nairobi to attend a 10-day congress organized by the East African Episcopal Conference. Kenya remains opposed to the white Rhodesian government's racial separation policies.

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'Id y evangelized a todos . . .'

Por el Padre Luis F. Bernal

NOS REFERIAMOS la vez anterior a dos elementos de la Evangeliza - ción (que es el primer tema del sínodo) y hablamos del "Anuncio o Kerigma" contenido en el Credo, y de la "Catequesis o Explicación" de la doctrina, que debe ser continua durante todos los cambios y progresos de la vida.

El tercer elemento de la evangelización es la "Homilia" (SC.24, 52 DV.24) o sermón dominical, que supone el Anuncio y la Catequesis, pues si no estamos convertidos o somos ignorantes de nuestra doctrina, no podemos comprender los minutos de predicación destinada a transformar la Palabra de la Escritura en vida y en sacrificio.

La Homilía no reemplaza a la catequesis que debe llegar no solo a los que se reunen en el templo, sino también al inmenso número d elos alejados.

EL CUARTO elemento de la evangelización es el "Testimonio" (Lg. 35) por el cual la fe se convierte en obras de amoroso servicio a Dios en los hermanos. Aunque alguien sea un doctor en la ciencia teórica de la religión, si no la practica en obras, no está evangelizado ni puede evengelizar.

Nos pregunta el Sínodo "qué está haciendo actualmente la Iglesia local (es decir, la diócesis, las parroquias) para predicar el Evangelio," y con ello nos invita a examinar y discutir problemas: son preparados convenientemente los padres de familia, los padrinos, la sociedad Católica, para responsabilizarse del bautismo de los niños?

Para qué seguir bautizando infantes si al crecer la mayoría de ellos apostatan prácticamente y van a las filas de los "alejados?" Cómo remediar esto?

Y TODAVIA hay gentes que se empñan en hacer confirmar a los niños en la primera infancia: se ignora el sentido de la Confirmación. Será suficiente la edad de doce años para tomar este compromiso serio de alianza con Cristo?

Y tántas parejas que se casan cada mes con "matrimonio indisoluble," están llegando convenientemente preparadas para semejante paso tan grave? Cómo remediar la tragedia del divorcio posterior y de los subsiguientes matrimonios civiles inválidos ante la Iglesia?

No deberemos examinar en las discusiones del Sínodo cuáles son los resultados que está produciendo en la diócesis el trabajo de la CCD en la Catequesis?

DICE EL Vaticano II: "Cristo ... cumple su misión profética no solo a través de la jerarquía (obispos, sacerdotes, diáconos) sino también por medio de los laicos a quienes por ello constituye en testigos y les ilumina con el sentido de la fe y la gracia de la palabra . . ." (LG.35).

Pot eso que el Sínodo nos habla de "misioneros" laicos. Ahora cuando son cada día menos los sacerdotes de ministerio, no debería pensarse y discutirse la posibilidad de formar equipos de seglares que se dedicaran a recorrer las parroquias y evangelizar a tantas gentes que vegetan en la ignorancia de su religión?

Conocemos por cálculos imprecisos que el número de los "alejados" supera el 80 per cent de los bautizados. Qué podemos hacer por esta muchedumbre de hermanos nuestros? No valdría la pena investigar quiénes son ellos, por qué se han apartado de su Iglesia, qué esperarían para volver?

PENSAMOS muchas veces que al decir "misión y misioneros" se trata solo de la aventura romántica de irse a tierras lejanas, entre paganos y gentiles a predicar el Evangelio. No deberíamos empezar nuestra "misión de evangelizadores con tántos parientes, amigos, vecinos que nos rodean y que ignoran la Buena Nueva de Cristo, o la han deformado y no la pueden vivir?

Nos pide el Sínodo que busquemos medios de dar "mayor credibilidad a la Iglesia en la proclamación del Evangelio." "Debemos pensar y discutir problemas como el de las estructuras actuales jerárquicas, económicas, administrativas de la Iglesia, que quizá le restan credibilidad porque no corresponden a la enseñanza de Cristo? La vida parroquial tal como funciona, es un ejemplo vivo de "comunidad Cristiana" unida por la amistad, la ayuda entre hermanos, el servicio para todos?

Corresponde la diócesis y la parroquia al modelo de fe, de amor, de union de las primeras Iglesias (diócesis) fundadas por los apóstoles? Se necesitan reformas para que a la predicación del Evangelio corresponda una realidad vivida, y así sea más creible?

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Pope says peace, not violence

In VATICAN CITY, the slaying of an innocent girl and injuring of others in Milan by a self-proclaimed anarchist was deplored by Pope Paul who pleaded for peace to replace violence everywhere.

"We are sad for we all live in an atmosphere which evil and cruel deeds of bloodshed — even if they are isolated and episodic — threaten and make difficult our living together," he said.

'I'm sorry, Father' thief confesses

In WASHINGTON, D. C., a youth who had visited St. Thomas More church earlier on the pretext he wanted to be an altar boy, returned later with two others and robbed the church of $2,500.

Father Lawrence Wempe, who opened a safe at gun point and then was tied, said one of the boys told him, "I'm sorry Father but I had to take this money because I'm on drugs."

Venezuela loses Catholic schools

In BARQUISIMETO, Venezuela, Archbishop Crispulo Benitez of the bishops' education committee, reported that 98 Catholic grade and secondary schools closed last year and 138 will close by next year — or nearly half of all church-sponsored schools in the country.

"The crisis of our Catholic education," he said, results from lack of family support and other financial pressures on the schools.

Jury acquits war protesters

In CAMDEN, N. J., 17 war protesters, including four priests, were acquitted by a jury of charges growing out of a 1971 raid on the local draft board.

The priests were Father Michael Doyle of Camden and three Jesuits from New York — Fathers Edward McGowan, Edward Murphy and Peter Fordi. Ten others of the so-called Camden 28 case have not been tried. One pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor.

Married clergy for remote areas

In DUNEDIN, New Zealand, Bishop John Rodgers, from the Cook Islands, suggested that married men be ordained priests in lonely Pacific islands and other isolated regions.

He stressed he was not urging that celibacy be abolished or made optional, but that "with all due deference to the Holy Father, the universal bishop, rare exceptions be made to the universal law of celibacy for certain remote areas."

Bishop Greco, 78, resigns for age

In ALEXANDRIA, La., Bishop Charles P. Greco resigned at 78 after being spiritual leader of the diocese for 27 years. He will be succeeded by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence Graves of Little Rock, Ark.

A priest 55 years, Bishop Greco is a former newspaper editor and diocesan chancellor. He served as chairman of the U. S. bishops' Committee on the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Not the solution say 1,027 MDs

In OSLO, Norway, 1,027 doctors — more than one-fifth of all physicians in the predominantly Lutheran country — opposed an unrestricted abortion bill before the Stortinget (parliament).

"We want to emphasize that the right of the fetus to be wanted must be subordinated to its right to life," they said. "We maintain that unrestricted abortion does not represent a rational or humanitarian solution of the abortion problem."

Universities seen as public forums

In WASHINGTON, D. C., Archbishop William W. Baum said Catholic universities "play a unique role in serving the cause of Christian unity and of civilization."

A university, he said, should be "one of the means of preventing and healing alienation from the past . . . and a forum in which diverse viewpoints can find expression, be debated, compared with mutual respect and intellectual honesty and be sometimes reconciled."

Lawyers to study marriage breaks

In LONDON, experts in Church canon law — concerned about increasing breakdowns of Catholic marriages — formed a committee to study legal aspects of marriage consent and preparation.

The group is expected to deal with the nature and adequacy of marriage consent, lack of which causes so many petitions of nullity to be filed with church marriage courts. The Church declares a marriage null when an impediment of natural, divine or Church law exists.

State court kills school aid law

In OLYMPIA, Wash., the state Supreme Court killed legislation providing tuition and text book aid to students in private elementary and high schools and colleges.

It said the law violated this section of the state constitution: "All schools maintained or supported wholly or in part by pubic funds shall be forever free from sectarian control or influence."

BISHOP BEHIND BARS — Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of Brooklyn, N.Y., is not serving time in jail. He peers out from behind bars during a visit to the Queens House of Detention to concelebrate Mass. In his homily, he spoke of Christ's love for sinners and his forgiveness if they repent.

'Lost' people founder dies

In MT. HAGEN, Papua-New Guinea, Father William Ross, Divine Word missionary-explorer who pioneered work among Stone Age tribesmen in the New Guinea highlands, died at 78.

He was born in 1895 in Whiteport, N.Y., ordained in 1922 and sent to New Guinea in 1926. In 1934 he led an expedition which discovered 500,000 "Stone Age" people of numerous tribes unaware of the outside world.

Lutheran serves Catholic campus

In COLLEGEVILLE, Minn., the Rev. Dr. Morris Wee, a Lutheran, is new executive director of the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research at St. John's University, succeeding Father Kilian McDonnell, OSB, who became the institute's president.

Dr. Wee will be in charge of recruiting fellows, programming and financing. Father McDonnell will continue research, academic counseling, writing and lecturing.

French nuclear tests protested

In PARIS, Pax Christi, Catholic peace movement, condemned proposed nuclear weapons tests by France in the Pacific area. No dates have been announced, but last year tests were conducted without advance notice.

"These tests," said Pax Christi, "arouse disapproval almost everywhere . . . All tests of nuclear arms are condemnable, whether they are carried out in the atmosphere or underground, whether those who conduct them are French, Chinese, American or Russian."

Bishop held two posts in 50 years

In NEW YORK, Auxiliary Bishop Joseph F. Flannelly, administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral from 1939-69, died at the age of 78. Before this post, he was associate pastor at Our Lady of the Rosary parish, Yonkers, N.Y., for 20 years.

Born a few blocks from St. Patrick's, Bishop Flannelly was ordained in 1918. He was consecrated bishop in the cathedral Dec. 16, 1948, by Cardinal Francis Spellman, and retired in 1969 when he was 75.

Priest celibacy stressed by Pope

In VATICAN CITY, Pope Paul marked the 900th anniversary of the elevation of St. Gregory VII as Pope in 1073. Canonized in 1606, the saint is credited with restoring priestly celibacy to a place of honor and respect in the Church.

Priests and those preparing for the priesthood, observed Pope Paul, "could do well to look at Pope Gregory's insistence on celibacy..."

SHINING EXAMPLE — Local aborigines and members of the Pallottine Order used everything from mother of pearl to abalone shells in decorating this mission church in remote Beagle Bay, Australia. The structure is built almost entirely of locally-produced materials except the roof, which is steel — white ants ate the old roof. The Pallottines operate a leprosarium, school, cattle ranch and soft drink factory. — NC photo

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Current books

CHURCH AND POWER IN BRAZIL by Father Charles Antoine. Maryknoll. Orbis Books. 275 pages, $4.95 pb.

The largest Catholic country in the world is a practical mystery to most North Americans. Recent news items originating in Brazil, especially the torture of priests and nuns, leave a grim taste.

Father Charles Antoine is a French priest who worked five years in Brazil before being exiled. He chronicles the history of church and state in his adopted country throughout the last decade.

He paints an equally grim picture, and, even allowing for some personal bitterness, the total as history is a bleak prophecy for the future.

DESTRUCTION AND SURVIVAL by Charles W. Steckel. Delmar Publishing Co., 2848 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., 90006. 179 pages, no price listed.

"The Holocaust" is the term used by historians to describe Hitler's ultimate solution to the Jewish question. Bloody annihilation was his dogma.

Steckel describes the horrors of those years in the early 1940s, especially as experienced in Adriatic countries. In parts of what is now Yugoslavia, 85 per cent of the Jewish citizens were exterminated.

We look back now, almost in disbelief, but as this author reminds us, those terrible deeds actually occurred. Steckel has written brilliantly about a dark age for all humanity.

Father Charles Dollen

Shakespeare festival opens

The Old Globe Theatre opens its summer Shakespeare festival June 5 in Balboa Park, San Diego, with **The Merchant of Venice.**

A musical comedy version of **Two Gentlemen of Verona** will join the repertory June 8. **King Lear** will be added in July.

Ticket information can be obtained from the box office, Old Globe Theatre, P.O. Box 2171, San Diego, 92112. Performances will run through Sept. 16.

DISNEY JUBILEE — Disney Studios will celebrate 50 years of family entertainment in "The Wonderful World of Disney" June 3 on NBC. Featured will be, from left (top) Julie Andrews as Mary Poppins and a new cartoon version of Robin Hood; (middle) Guy Williams as Zorro, Walt Disney, and Kevin Corcoran with "Old Yeller;" (bottom) *The Sword in the Stone,* **a coyote in** *The Vanishing Prairie* **and** *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.*

On the screens

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AN AUTUMN AFTERNOON — The final masterpiece of Japan's Yasujiro Ozu, the cinema's great chronicler of family life, **An Autumn Afternoon** will surely become as much of a living classic of the American screen as it is of the Japanese.

The film is a study in loneliness and the transient joys of family life. It deals with a fiftyish widower's attempts to marry his daughter and his life following the wedding.

The theme is universal as any affecting mankind, the technique classic, the frills eliminated. Richest of all is the warmth of humanity. Ozu, like Renoir, communicates a real depth of feeling for all his characters. Made just before the filmmaker's death in 1963, the movie may have represented his final reflections on his life and work.

(Morally unobjectionable for general patronage)

SOYLENT GREEN — This is a future shock movie complete with overpopulation, ecological disaster, police brutality, a detective story — and Charlton Heston. And by the way, women in it are called "furniture" and treated as such (they come with the apartment.)

What is missing is a fully-rounded script to make the sensational meaningful. A long-line of crepe-draped girls that make up the bedroom suite will cause furor in women's lib circles; and the violent, amoral climate should warn adults the film is definitely a matter of taste.

With its euthanasia clinics and soybean candybars, the movie is somewhat of a loser, whether seen before or after a meal.

(Morally unobjectionable for adults)

CHARLEY-ONE-EYE — A nearly insufferable (at 110 minutes) story of a fugitive black soldier wandering across the Mexican desert in 1966 and his strange relationship with a lame, half-breed Indian. Even all the shooting may leave a lot of people asleep.

The film is so hollow and ponderous that a customer might think it is trying to say something important (it isn't).

(Morally unobjectionable for adults)

TV MOVIES for the coming week include **The World of Suzie Wong** (June 3 ABC), picturesque, frankly sexually-flavored (it deals with prostitution) and morally objectionable in part for all.

Also recommended for adults only are **Maroc 7** (June 4, ABC) and **That Certain Summer** (June 5, ABC), a well-made drama about a divorced homosexual trying to cope with his visiting adolescent son.

Comedy Triple-Header (June 5, CBS) is an attempt to substitute three comedy pilots for a real live movie. None is very promising.

If You Give a Dance You Gotta Pay the Band is an entertaining and solid drama about a young boy and girl in a ghetto. Harsh material makes the movie more acceptable for adults and teens than younger children.

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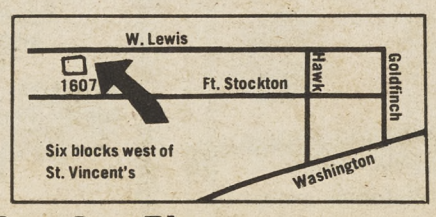

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